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I would like to register my disagreement with the proposed settlement of the Microsoft Anti-Trust case. With the new licensing model that Microsoft has adopted with Windows XP, it is quite clear that their settlement proposal is merely an investment in future license renewals. What would seem like a windfall to the poorly financed school districts throughout the United States will turn into a recurring nightmare of license renewals for what was originally pitched as free software.

Security is also of major concern here. It is a well documented fact that the majority of viruses are written specifically for Microsoft Windows operating systems and the bundled features within those operating systems. The settlement proposal does not address the need for a full time administrator to handle the constant virus scans and system updates that are part of the daily care and feeding of a Windows system.

Sincerely,
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